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ORGANIZATION OF THE HUNGARIAN PATRIOTIC PEOPLE'S FRONT

TASKS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE PATRIOTIC PEOPLE'S FRONT -- Budapest Nepszava,
27 Oct 54

Two thousand delegates from all parts of Hungary attended the Constituent National Congress of the Patriotic People's Front (Hazafias Népfront) in Budapest on 24 October 1954.

The Patriotic People's Front was organized to allow the broadest possible participation of all elements of the population in the economic, political, and social life of the country. Its mission is to engage all patriotic Hungarians in a popular movement guided by the Hungarian Workers Party, to broaden and strengthen the economy and culture of the socialist state, to lend support to the government, to defend peace, and to strengthen Hungary's ties with the USSR and other People's Democracies.

The membership of the Patriotic People's Front is composed of the Hungarian Workers Party and of all other social, cultural, and scientific societies which declare their intention to adhere to the program of the front. These organizations will pay dues. Membership is also open to all individuals, regardless of race, occupation, religion, or ideology, who wholeheartedly and actively support the program. All members are eligible for membership in the committees.

The organs of the Patriotic People's Front are the National Congress (Országos Kongresszus); the National Council, headed by a president; and the National Bureau (Országos Iroda), headed by the secretary-general.

The regional organs are the committees of Budapest, the megyék, the autonomous cities, and the járasok. The Budapest, megye, and autonomous city committees are organized with permanent secretariats. The local organs are the committees of the Budapest districts, the cities, city districts, and towns. Resolutions of all organs of the front require a simple majority.

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The supreme organ of the Patriotic People's Front is the National Congress. It debates and approves or amends the proclamations and bylaws of the front and elects the members of the National Council. On the basis of the reports of the National Council, the National Congress reviews the results accomplished and determines the future tasks of the front.

The National Congress is convoked by the National Council every 2 years. However, it may be summoned for an extra session by the National Council or on the recommendation of one third of the committees of the front. The number of delegates to the National Congress from each area is established by the National Council.

The National Council, which consists of 105 members, directs the activities of the front between sessions of the National Congress and controls the funds of the front. The National Council elects the 21 members of the presidium, which includes the president, vice-presidents, and secretary-general of the National Council. Between meetings of the National Council, its affairs are directed by the presidium.

The National Council and the presidium may make recommendations to the Presidential Council regarding the appointment of members of the Council of Ministers or the enactment of laws on problems affecting the country as a whole.

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE PATRIOTIC PEOPLE'S FRONT -- Budapest, Nepszava, 26 Oct 54

The following persons were elected members of the National Council of the Patriotic People's Front:

Erzsebet Andics, First Deputy Minister of Education and member of the World Peace Council (Heves Megye)

Mrs Bela Azari, teacher (Borsod Megye)

Sandor Baras, general manager of the Hungarian Telegraph Bureau (Magyar Távíráti Iroda) (Budapest)

Marton Balint, teacher (Pest Megye)

Valeria Benke, president of the Hungarian Radio Bureau (Magyar Rádiónívatal) (Budapest)

Albert Bereczky, Protestant bishop (Hajdu Megye)

Miklos Peresztochy, archiepiscopal vicar (Komárom Megye)

Jozsef Bognar, Minister of Domestic Commerce (Budapest)

Rezső Bogner, president of the Society for the Popularization of the Social and Natural Sciences (Társadalmi és Természettudományi Ismeretterjesztő Társulat) (Debrecen)

Istvan Bodorkos, middle peasant from Gencsapát (Vas Megye)

Ivan Boldizsar, chief editor of Magyar Nemzet (Budapest)

Sandor Borbas, chief mechanic (Budapest)

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Jozsef Bozsik, leading athlete (Budapest)

Mrs Janos Bugar, secretary of the National Peace Council (Budapest)

Gyula Czapik, Archbishop of Eger (Heves Megye)

Istvan Csorba, fireman (Komarom Megye)

Istvan Csala, member of the Cegled producer cooperative (Pest Megye)

Jozsef Darvas, Minister of Culture (Szabolcs Megye)

Laszlo Dezsery, Protestant bishop (Budapest)

Lajos Dinnyes, member of the National Assembly (Pest Megye)

Imre Dogei, president of the National Association of Cooperatives (Szovetkezetek Orszagos Szovetsege) (Pest Megye)

Istvan Dobi, chairman of the Presidential Council (Fejer Megye)

Miklos Fudas, Greek Orthodox bishop (Szabolcs Megye)

Ferenc Erdei, Minister of Justice (Bacs Megye)

Zoltan Fabri, film director (Budapest)

Annie Fischer, pianist (Budapest)

Bela Fogarasi, university professor (Budapest)

Adam Gotss, peasant (Tolna Megye)

Mihaly Guba, member of the National Assembly (Bacs Megye)

Endre Hamvas, bishop of Csanad (Budapest)

Jozsef Harastyak, department head of the Ministry of the Chemical Industry and Power (Vegyipari es Energiaugyi Miniszterium) (Budapest)

Ferenc Harrer, vice-mayor, retired (Budapest)

Andras Hegedus, First Deputy Minister President and Minister of Agriculture (Budapest)

Geza Hetenyi, academician, (Szeged)

Dezso Honti, teacher (Csongrad Megye)

Marton Horvath, chief of the editorial committee of Szabad Nep (Budapest)

Richard Horvath, secretary of the Clergymen's Peace Committee (Budapest)

Bela Illes, writer (Budapest)

Gyula Illyes, writer (Budapest)

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Ferenc Janosi, First Deputy Minister of Culture (Budapest)

Lajos Janossy, academician (Budapest)

Andras Kaszapovics, producer cooperative president (Baranya Megye)

Gyula Kallai, president of the Chief Directorate for Publishing (Budapest)

Jeno Katona, newspaper writer (Budapest)

Sandor Katona, producer cooperative member (Csongrad Megye)

Janos Kadar, secretary of the Political Committee of the Hungarian Workers Party (Budapest's 13th District)

Imre Kiss, middle peasant (Veszprem Megye)

Zsigmond Kisfaludi Strobl, sculptor (Budapest)

Zoltan Kodaly, composer (Budapest)

Bela Kalen, secretary-general of the Hungarian-Soviet Society (Budapest)

Janos Kelemen, president of the Tomba production committee (Tolna Megye)

Zsigmond Kende, physician (Budapest)

Jozsef Kosa, mining engineer (Komarom)

Mihaly Krajcsik, president of the Association of Hungarian Slovaks (Magyarorszag Szlovakok Szovetsege) (Bekes Megye)

Arpad Loy, Kossuth Prize winner and supervisor in coal mining industry (frontmaster) (Borsod Megye)

Pal Losonczi, president of the Barcs producers cooperative (Somogy Megye)

Gyorgy Lukacs, university professor (Budapest)

Lajos Macsko, combine driver (Baranya Megye)

Jozsef Mekis, president of the National Council of Trade Unions (Budapest)

Endre Matekovics, brigadier general (Budapest)

Rezső Manninger, university professor (Budapest)

Erno Mihalyfi, Deputy Minister of Culture (Budapest)

Gyozo Mihaelich, university professor (Budapest)

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Matyas Mislóczky, chief smelter (Borsod Megye)

Janos Molnar, teacher (Komarom Megye)

Agnes Meszaros, actress (Budapest)

Daniel Nagy, vice-chairman of the Presidential Council (Budapest)

Imre Nagy, Minister President (Somogy Megye)

Jozsef Nagyistok, vice-president of the National Assembly (Budapest)

Kalman Nadasdi, director-general of the opera house (Budapest)

Laszlo Nanasi, member of the National Assembly and of the Presidential Council (Szolnok Megye)

Gyula Ortutay, university professor (Budapest)

Gyorgy Parragi, responsible editor of Magyar Nemzet (Baranya Megye)

Janos Peter, Protestant bishop (Hajdu Megye)

Ignac Picker, lathe operator (Budapest)

Kalman Pongracz, president of the Budapest City Council (Budapest)

Mihaly Pruzsina, miner (Komarom)

Laszlo Pesta, vice-president of the Budapest City Council (Budapest)

Matyas Rakosi, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Workers Party (Budapest)

Jozsef Revai, vice-chairman of the Presidential Council (Budapest)

Sandor Ronai, speaker of the National Assembly (Borsod Megye)

Kurt Sedlmayr, university professor (Gyor Megye)

Benjamin Schwartz, chief rabbi (Budapest)

Pal Szabo, writer (Bekes Megye)

Jozsef Szakali, first secretary of the central committee of the DISZ (Dolgozo Ifjusag Szovetsege, Federation of Working Youth) (Szabolcs Megye)

Mihaly Szalvay, major general (Bacs Megye)

Elemer Szadeczky Kardoss, academician (Budapest)

Magdolna Szemzo, teacher (Vas Megye)

Kalman Sziveri, producer cooperative president (Baranya Megye)

Aron Tamasi, writer (Budapest)

Pal Turan, academician (Budapest)

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Eszter Z. Toth, teacher (Pest Megye)
 Mrs Jozsef Toth, teacher (Vas Megye)
 Erno Urban, writer (Vas Megye)
 Antal Varga, teacher (Gyor Megye)
 Bela Varga, teacher (Zala Megye)
 Jozsef Varga, university professor (Budapest)
 Endre Valko, secretary-general of the Association of Scientific Societies (Természettudományi Egyesületek Szövetsége) (Borsod Megye)
 Mrs Istvan Vas, president of the Democratic Union of Hungarian Women (Magyar Nők Demokratikus Szövetsége) (Tolna Megye)
 Peter Veres, writer (Hajdu Megye)
 Lajos Veto, Protestant bishop (Borsod Megye)
 Laszlo Veszely, teacher (Veszprem)
 Tibor Wilhelm, chief engineer of the Rakosi Matyas Metallurgical Trust (RM Kohászati Tróoszt) (Budapest)
 Frigyes Wild, university professor (Veszprem)
 Miklos Zsiray, academician (Budapest)

MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE PATRIOTIC PEOPLE'S FRONT -- Budapest,
 Napszava, 26 Oct 54

The National Council of the Patriotic People's Front met in a constituent session on 24 October and elected the following officials: Pal Szabo, president; Jozsef Darvas, Istvan Dobi, Ferenc Harrer, Imre Nagy, and Matyas Rakosi, vice-presidents; and Ferenc Janossi, secretary-general.

The following were elected members of the presidium: Albert Bereczky, Gyula Czapik, Istvan Csorba, Imre Degei, Ferenc Erdei, Imre Kiss, Zoltan Kodaly, Jozsef Makis, Gyorgy Parragi, Ignac Plicker, Kalman Sziveri, Kalman Pangracz, Sandor Ronai, and Jozsef Varga.

A recommendation that Magyar Nemzet be the official daily newspaper of the Patriotic People's Front was adopted unanimously.

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